

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An airbag apparatus comprising:

an airbag having an inner bag and an outer bag, the outer bag including a vent hole;  
a gas generator configured to supply gas to the inner bag, wherein the inner bag  
includes an opening to allow gas to exit the inner bag to inflate the outer bag;

a retainer configured to hold the gas generator; and  
~~wherein the outer bag includes a vent hole;~~  
~~wherein the vent hole includes a~~ closing mechanism separate from the airbag for  
maintaining the vent hole closed until the pressure of the gas in the outer bag reaches a  
predetermined ~~level; and level,~~ the mechanism including a lid and a holding member  
configured to hold the lid,

wherein the lid is positioned between the holding member and the retainer inside the  
outer bag, and

wherein the vent hole is positioned so that gas escapes from the vent hole out of the  
outer bag and through the retainer, ~~a retainer for holding the gas generator.~~

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a cover connected to the retainer  
for covering the airbag in a folded condition, wherein the cover is pushed open by the  
inflation of the inner bag.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~claim 3,~~ wherein the lid includes a  
frangible portion that breaks when the pressure in the outer bag reaches a predetermined level  
to allow gas to escape out of the outer bag.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~claim 3,~~ wherein the closing mechanism  
includes a gasket between the lid and the retainer.

Claims 6-11 (Canceled).

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the retainer includes a side wall attached to a bottom wall, and the closing mechanism is mounted to a portion of the side wall.

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second holding member configured to hold the inner bag and the outer bag.